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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. QADHAFI WARNED NOT TO GIVE WHAT SADAT TOOK AWAY

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT TOLD THE FRENCH PRESS THAT IF THE SOVIETS ARE SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING A NAVAL BASE IN LIBYA TO REPLACE ITS ALEXANDRIA FACILITIES, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WILL "RECALCULATE" ITS TOLERANCE OF THE QADHAFI REGIME. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY PARIS, SADAT ALSO:

--SPECULATED THAT A USSR-LIBYAN ARMS DEAL TOTALLING \$11 BILLION MAY BE A PRELUDE TO SOVIET INSTALLATION OF MILITARY BASES ON THE LIBYAN COAST;

--STATED THAT EGYPT IS READY TO GO TO GENEVA AND IS PREPARED TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT "WHICH WE
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CAN REACH AFTER THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS;"

--PROFESSED CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT THE JORDANIANS AND SYRIANS REALLY WANT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PARIS 4457, 4/5.)

2. ISRAEL: ALLON SCORES MISUSE OF RABIN REMARKS

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON COMPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR TOON APRIL 5 THAT REMARKS BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND USED IMPROPERLY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S JUSTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF THE SALE OF C-130'S TO EGYPT. RABIN'S REMARKS:

--CONCERNED THE RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY OF 300,000 EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS IN THE AFTERMATH OF SINAI II;

--WERE MADE TO AN AUDIENCE OF LABOR PARTY OFFICIALS TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ADVANTAGEOUS TO ISRAEL.

ALLON SAID THAT SUCH USE OF RABIN'S STATEMENT TO A LIMITED AUDIENCE ADDS TO THE TROUBLES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 2402 (LIMDIS), 4/5.

3. KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTER UNREPENTANT ON RHODESIA

ALTHOUGH REPORTEDLY CHASTISED BY PRESIDENT KENYATTA FOR ENDORSING CUBAN INTERVENTION TOO WHOLEHEARTEDLY, KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI CONTINUES TO CAST HIS STATEMENTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN HARDLINE RHETORIC. EMBASSY NAIROBI PRESENTS A SAMPLING:

--IF ZIMBABWEANS WANT THE CUBANS TO HELP IN THEIR LIBERATION, WAIYAKI CLAIMS IT IS THEIR AFFAIR.

--THE FOREIGN MINISTER PROFESSES CONCERN ABOUT A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT BY THE US TO "GO INTO CUBA AND DESTROY THE CUBAN STATE" IN THE EVENT OF CUBAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN RHODESIA.

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--INTRODUCING AFRICANS INTO THE SMITH REGIME WOULD MAKE THEM "STOOGES," AND ANYTHING LESS THAN AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE THROUGH POPULAR ELECTIONS WILL RESULT IN KENYAN SUPPORT FOR ARMED STRUGGLE.

--WAIYAKI EXCUSES CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA BECAUSE "THEY WENT THERE BY INVITATION."

EMBASSY COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WAIYAKI'S PURELY PERSONAL VIEWS AND DEFINITIVE KENYAN POLICY ENDORSED BY KENYATTA. (CONFIDENTIAL) NAIROBI 3320, 4/5.)

4. EMBASSY NICOSIA GETS READY FOR ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION

EMBASSY NICOSIA IS PREPARING FOR ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS APRIL 6 PROTESTING THE TURKISH-US DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. POLICE ANTICIPATE 10,000 OR MORE DEMONSTRATORS. (SECRET) NICOSIA 878, 4/5.) KISSINGER

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